GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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NORMS AND INCENTIVES FOR REGIONAL AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified separate norms and incentives for regional airlines aimed at provding better air connectivity in the remote areas and small towns;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any regional airlines has shown interest on this move of the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the cities where the air services are likely to be provided by these regional airlines;

(e) whether the Group of Ministers (GoM) has been contituted for considering several issues pertaining to aviation sector;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the issues considered and decision taken so far by the GoM?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued Civil Aviation Requirement, Section 3- Air Transport Series `C` Part VIII dated 23.8.2007 stipulating minimum requirements for grant of permit to operate scheduled regional air transport service.

The scheduled regional airlines will primarily operate in a designated region and will not be permitted to operate on the trunk routes indicated in the Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.

(c) and (d):- Three application have been received for commencement of regional services in the southern region.

(e)to(g):- Draft National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) is presently under consideration of a Group of Ministers (GoM).